Graduation with Honors

Towson University undergraduates may achieve recognition as honors graduates in several different ways: through Latin Honors, Departmental Honors and as members of the Honors College.

Latin Honors
Latin Honors are awarded, by college, to undergraduate students in the top ten percent (10%) of their graduating class based on the cumulative grade point average of all coursework completed in residence at TU.

Latin Honors are distributed as follows:
- Summa Cum Laude - top 2%
- Magna Cum Laude - next 3%
- Cum Laude - next 5%

Special Notes:
Latin Honors GPA cutoffs for each college are based on the top 10% of the students from the graduating classes of the previous academic year.

In order to be eligible to earn Latin Honors, students must earn at least 56 units in residence at TU. Of those units earned in residence at TU, at least 41 units must have calculable grades.

Students with majors in two or more colleges earn the highest Latin Honors for which they are eligible.

To view the cutoffs for each level of Latin honors for the current academic year by college, visit the TU graduation website (http://www.towson.edu/registrar/graduation/latinhonors.html).

Honors College
Visit the Honors College website (https://www.towson.edu/honors) or the Honors College section of this catalog (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/honors-college).

Departmental Honors Programs
Many departments at TU offer students the ability to complete a Departmental Honors program, which is a separate program from the Honors College. Students interested in participating in a Departmental Honors program are encouraged to meet with the Departmental Honors faculty coordinator or department chair preferably during their first two years at TU.

Departments with Honors programs list requirements in the catalog under the individual major departments. Students accepted into a Departmental Honors program must complete the requirements as listed in the catalog for their major. Most departments require that students complete 6 units in Advanced Content, Directed Readings and/or Independent Investigations and an Honors Thesis, but some departments may offer other options, such as an extensive design project. The thesis/project culminates in a significant piece of writing and a final presentation that is open to the public. A completed, signed copy of the thesis/project approval form must be submitted to the Honors College no later than two weeks before graduation. When the Honors College receives the thesis/project, the appropriate designation appears on the final transcript and diploma.

More information on Departmental Honors programs can be found on each department’s webpage (https://www.towson.edu/academics/departments).

Departmental Honors Coordinators by College
The following faculty members may be contacted about departmental honors for the listed majors:

College of Business and Economics
Economics Departmental Honors Coordinator: Matthew Chambers (mchambers@towson.edu)

College of Fine Arts and Communication
Art History Departmental Honors Coordinator: Janee Mateer (jmateer@towson.edu)
Electronic Media & Film Departmental Honors Coordinator: Elsa Lankford (elankford@towson.edu)
Mass Communication Departmental Honors Coordinator: Department of Mass Communication (mcom@towson.edu)

College of Liberal Arts
Anthropology Departmental Honors Coordinator: Nicole Fabricant (nfabricant@towson.edu)
Criminal Justice Departmental Honors Coordinator: Joan Antunes (mantunes@towson.edu)
English Departmental Honors Coordinator: Erin Fehskens (efehskens@towson.edu)
Geography & Environmental Planning Departmental Honors Coordinator: Sya Kedzior (skedzior@towson.edu)
Law and American Civilization Departmental Honors Coordinator: Cynthia Cates (ccates@towson.edu)
Political Science Departmental Honors Coordinator: Michael Korzi (mkorzi@towson.edu)
Psychology Departmental Honors Coordinator: Maria Fracasso (fracasso@towson.edu)
Sociology Departmental Honors Coordinator: Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice (soan@towson.edu)
Women’s Studies Departmental Honors Coordinator: Cindy Gissendanner (CGissendannerr@towson.edu)

College of Science and Mathematics
Biological Sciences Departmental Honors Coordinator: Susan Gresens (sgresens@towson.edu)

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Chemistry Departmental Honors Coordinator: John Sivey
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https://www.towson.edu/fcsm/departments/chemistry/undergrad/honors.html

Mathematics Departmental Honors Coordinator: Nathan McNew
(nmcnew@towson.edu)

Physics, Astronomy & Geosciences Departmental Honors Coordinator: David Schaefer (dschaefer@towson.edu)
https://www.towson.edu/fcsm/departments/physics/undergrad/honors.html